

NEONATAL DEATH RATE

Objective

By 1990, the neonatal death rate should be reduced to no more than 6.5 deaths per 1,000 live births.

Explanatory Notes

Neonatal deaths are deaths of residents under 28 days of age.

Findings

North Carolina did not reach the objective for neonatal deaths, although projections indicated it would, based on data from 1982-86. Instead, the neonatal death rate rose in 1987, then continued a downward trend, to end at 7.3 in 1990. The U.S. achieved this objective, with a neonatal death rate of 5.7 (provisional) in 1990.

Related National Objectives for the Year 2000

- o Reduce the neonatal mortality rate to no more than 4.5 per 1,000 live births.
- o Reduce the neonatal mortality rate among blacks to no more than seven per 1,000 live births.
- o Reduce the neonatal mortality rate among Puerto Ricans to no more than 5.2 per 1,000 live births.

Data Sources

North Carolina: State Center for Health and Environmental Statistics
United States: National Center for Health Statistics